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TO: All Members

FROM: Marjorie (Maggie)McKenzie II

An ADULT ADOPTEE

RE: Support for SENATE BILL 113

I am approaching the Connecticut Legislature for the 4th time regarding the need to restore the right of every adopted adult citizen to obtain his/her original birth certificate.

The legislation blocking that right was introduced first in 1975 when I still had the right but before I'd had a chance to obtain my original birth certificate. That 1975 change meant I lost out on ever discovering much about my original family, especially on my father's side. It also meant I missed out on ever having relationships with five half-brothers.

The state of Connecticut placed me first in a group home, then in three foster homes and finally in an adoptive home at age 12 which unfortunately ended as a "failed adoption." Having deleted my biological family, that left me then with no family in the end.

It is my opinion that a child care system that requires the permanent obliteration of my true identity is an unacceptable solution to providing me with a childhood home. No one should have a right to negotiate away my heritage, my roots, for any reason, including adoption.

Ironically my fake birth certificate created by Connecticut also turned my happily married biological parents into two people who didn't know one another the year I was born, and me into a "bastard," (Born Out of Wedlock.) Please see the document attached. It's a great example of how wrong things can go when we interfere with other people's lives.

Please correct this error this year by passing SB113 because at 75 I'm not sure I have it in me to get here again. Thank you.



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CONNECTIGUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Bureau of Vital Statistics - Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A.

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